

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

**1.-19. (Canceled)**

**20. (Previously Presented)** A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid,

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 – 0.5:1.

**21. (Previously Presented)** A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/glycidyl (meth)acrylate,

(B) a copolymer made from unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer made from unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

**22. (Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/glycidyl (meth)acrylate.

23. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is either a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups, and (C) is a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer of a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

24. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 21, wherein (B) is either a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, or a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and (C) is a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid, a partially or completely hydrolyzed copolymer of a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, or an alpha,  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

25. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 20, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

26. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 21, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

27. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 22, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

28. (Previously Presented) A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

29. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 24, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

30. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 20, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide or a saturated polyester.

31. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 21, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide or a saturated polyester.

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33. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

34. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is an aminoundecanoic acid.

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36. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 23, wherein (C) is said copolymer made from ethylene and unsaturated carboxylic acid.

37. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 36, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene and glycidyl methacrylate.

38. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 20, wherein (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride.

39. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 37, wherein (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride.

40. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 39, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid.

41. **(Previously Presented)** A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,

(B) a copolymer of ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and

(C) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid,

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 - 0.5:1.

42. **(Previously Presented)** A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of:

(A) an ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/glycidyl (meth)acrylate copolymer,

- (B) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and
- (C) a copolymer of an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid.

**43. (Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 20, wherein (A) is a copolymer made from ethylene/methyl acrylate/glycidyl methacrylate and, (B) is a copolymer made from ethylene/ethyl acrylate/maleic anhydride.

**44. (Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim 43, wherein (C) is a copolymer made from ~~or~~ ethylene/alkyl (meth)acrylate/(meth)acrylic acid, or  $\alpha,\omega$ -amino carboxylic acid.

**45. (Previously Presented)** A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of components consisting essentially of:

- (A) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,
- (B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride, and
- (C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha,\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid,

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 - 0.5:1.

**46. (Previously Presented)** A thermoplastic composition comprising a thermoplastic polymer, having incorporated therein a crosslinked phase from a reaction of components consisting of:

(A) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated epoxide, a polyolefin grafted with an unsaturated epoxide, or a product having two epoxide groups,

(B) a copolymer made from ethylene and an unsaturated carboxylic acid anhydride,

(C) a copolymer made from an unsaturated carboxylic acid, or an  $\alpha\omega$ -aminocarboxylic acid,

wherein the weight ratio of (C)/(B) is 0.2:1 - 0.5:1.

**47. (Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 20, wherein the thermoplastic polymer is a polyamide, (A) is the copolymer made from ethylene and glycidyl methacrylate or the polyolefin is ethylene grafted with glycidyl methacrylate; (B) is the copolymer made from ethylene and maleic anhydride; and (C) is the copolymer made from ethylene and acrylic acid, or ethylene and methacrylic acid.

**48.-52. (Canceled)**